

101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, to increase access to such workers.

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Reid Amendment No. 445, to achieve an acceleration and expansion of efforts to reconstruct and rehabilitate Iraq and to reduce the future risks to United States Armed Forces personnel and future costs to United States taxpayers, by ensuring that the people of Iraq and other nations do their fair share to secure and rebuild Iraq.

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Schumer Amendment No. 451, to lower the burden of gasoline prices on the economy of the United States and circumvent the efforts of OPEC to reap windfall oil profits.

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Reid (for Reed/Chafee) Amendment No. 452, to provide for the adjustment of status of certain nationals of Liberia to that of lawful permanent residents.

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Sessions Amendment No. 456, to provide for accountability in the United Nations Headquarters renovation project.

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Reid (for Feingold) Amendment No. 459, to extend the termination date of Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, expand the duties of the Inspector General, and provide additional funds for the Office.

**Pages S3966, S3981, S3999–S4000**

Byrd Amendment No. 463, to require a quarterly report on audits conducted by the Defense Contract Audit Agency of task or delivery order contracts and other contracts related to security and reconstruction activities in Iraq and Afghanistan and to address irregularities identified in such reports.

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Warner Amendment No. 499, relative to the aircraft carriers of the Navy.

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Craig Amendment No. 475, to limit the use of funds to restrict the issuance of general licenses for travel to Cuba in connection with authorized sales activities.

**Pages S3986–87, S3995**

Reid (for Biden) Amendment No. 537, to provide funds for the security and stabilization of Iraq and Afghanistan and for other defense-related activities by suspending a portion of the reduction in the highest income tax rate for individual taxpayers.

**Pages S3966, S4004**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, April 21, 2005, at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate continue consideration of the bill; that all time be considered expired under Rule XXII, with the exception of 15 minutes for debate equally divided between the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, Senator Cochran, and Senator Bayh, or his designee, prior to votes in relation to the remaining amend-

ments, and that following disposition of the amendments, the bill be read a third time and the Senate vote on final passage; provided further, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint the Members of the Committee on Appropriations as conferees on the part of the Senate.

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**Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, April 21, 2005, at a time determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of New York, to be Director of National Intelligence; that there be 4 hours of debate, equally divided between the Majority Leader and the Democratic Leader, or their designees, and that the Democratic time be equally divided between Senators Rockefeller and Wyden; and that at the expiration, or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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**Messages From the House:** **Page S4015**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S4015**

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**Authority for Committees to Meet:** **Pages S4037–38**

**Privilege of the Floor:** **Page S4038**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—106) **Pages S3984–85, S3989, S3993**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 7:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 21, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S4038–39.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL GUARD & RESERVE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Guard

and Reserve, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Lieutenant General Roger Schultz, Director, Army National Guard; Lieutenant General Daniel James III, Director, Air National Guard; Lieutenant General James R. Helmly, Chief and Commander, Army Reserve; Vice Admiral John G. Cotton, Chief of Naval Reserve; Lieutenant General Dennis M. McCarthy, Commander, Marine Forces Reserve; and Lieutenant General John A. Bradley, Chief of Air Force Reserve.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

#### **APPROPRIATIONS: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Annice Wagner, Chief Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Chair, Joint Committee on Judicial Administration; Rufus King III, Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia; Paul Quander, Jr., Director, Court Service and Offender Supervision Agency; and Avis Buchanan, Director, Defender Service for the District of Columbia.

#### **DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the readiness of military units deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Thomas F. Metz, USA, Commander, III Corps and Fort Hood; Lieutenant General John F. Sattler, USMC, Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force, U.S. Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Walter E. Buchanan III, USAF, Commander, U.S. Central Command, Air Forces; Major General Lloyd J. Austin III, USA, Commander, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) and Fort Drum; and Rear Admiral Barry McCullough, USN, Commander, Carrier Strike Group Six.

#### **HOUSING GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ENTERPRISES**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposals to improve the regulation of Housing Government-Sponsored Enterprises (GSEs), focusing on ensuring that GSEs have a regulator with the necessary authority to enable GSEs to fulfill their important mission in a safe and sound fashion, after receiving testimony from Raymond R. Christman, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia; and Daniel H. Mudd, Fannie Mae, and Richard F. Syron, Freddie Mac, both of Washington, D.C.

#### **INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Science and Space concluded a hearing to examine International Space Station research benefits, focusing on research and technology development efforts on areas that best contribute to the vision for space exploration, specifically using the space station to study human endurance in space and to test new technologies and techniques to prepare NASA for longer journeys to the moon and Mars, after receiving testimony from William F. Readdy, Associate Administrator, Space Operations Mission Directorate, Howard Ross, Deputy Chief Scientist, and Lieutenant Colonel Mike Fincke, Active Duty Astronaut, all of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunications Policy, Resources, Science, and Industry Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Jeffrey Sutton, National Space Biomedical Research Institute, Houston, Texas; and Mary Ellen Weber, University of Texas Southwest Medical Center, Austin.

#### **NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gregory B. Jaczko, of the District of Columbia, and Peter B. Lyons, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### **TERRORISM PROHIBITION IMPROVEMENTS ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine a review of the material support to Terrorism Prohibition Improvements Act, focusing on the need to strengthen statutory arsenal that enables law enforcement to stop terrorist attacks at an early stage, before they endanger Americans, and the need to recognize the threat posed by paramilitary training, after receiving testimony from

Barry Sabin, Chief, Counterterrorism Section, Criminal Division, and Daniel Meron, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, both of the Department of Justice; and Andrew C. McCarthy, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C.

### SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the small business health care crisis, focusing on alternatives for lowering costs and covering the uninsured, including related provisions of S. 406, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005, after receiving testimony from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor; Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, Small Business Administration; Montana State Auditor John Morrison, Commissioner for Insurance and Securities, Helena, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; Doug Newman, Newman Concrete

Services, Inc., Hallowell, Maine, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; Al Mansell, National Association of Realtors, and Len Nichols, The New America Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; W. Thomas Haynes, The Coca-Cola Bottlers' Association, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the Association Healthcare Coalition; and William N. Lindsay III, Denver, Colorado.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 34 public bills, H.R. 1713–1746; 1 private bill, H.R. 1747; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 223, were introduced. **Pages H2393–94**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2394–95**

**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Monsignor George B. Flinn, Vicar General, Pastoral Life in Ministry, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Pennsylvania. **Page H2153**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Ray Charles Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 504, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4960 West Washington Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the "Ray Charles Post Office Building"; **Pages H2157–58**

**Sergeant Byron W. Norwood Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 1001, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 301 South Heatherwilde Boulevard in Pflugerville, Texas, as the "Sergeant Byron W. Norwood Post Office Building"; **Pages H2158–60**

**Recognizing a National Week of Hope in commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of the ter-**

**rorist bombing in Oklahoma City:** H. Res. 184, recognizing a National Week of Hope in commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of the terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City; **Pages H2160–65**

**Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Building Designation Act:** H.R. 1072, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 West End Street in Goliad, Texas, as the "Judge Emilio Vargas Post Office Building"; **Pages H2165–66**

**Supporting the goals and ideals of National Indoor Comfort Week:** H. Res. 130, amended, recognizing the contributions of environmental systems and the technicians who install and maintain them to the quality of life of all Americans and supporting the goals and ideals of National Indoor Comfort Week; **Pages H2166–67**

**Expressing condolences and sympathies in the aftermath of the recent school shooting at Red Lake High School in Red Lake, Minnesota:** H. Con. Res. 126, expressing the condolences and deepest sympathies of the Congress in the aftermath of the recent school shooting at Red Lake High School in Red Lake, Minnesota, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 424 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 113; and **Pages H2167–71, H2179**

**Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the polio vaccine:** H. Res. 208, amended, recognizing the University of Pittsburgh and Dr.